

Feed My Lambs International

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a monthly Feed My Lambs International newsletter written by Gary and Minnie Sandmann

**Merry Christmas!
From our family to yours.**

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

-Luke 2:7

Dear loved ones,

The place where Christ was born impacts me, I think of that stable often, all year round. There was no room, no place for Jesus to be born. The whole thought of it bothers me. Why didn't someone sacrifice a little? Give up their room. Surely all were not elderly, sick or giving birth! No place for that Baby? A baby? THE BABY? But He had the key piece, He had love. He was loved and cared for in an extraordinary manner by His loving earthly parents. What a sacrifice they made to obey and honor the Lord Jesus with their lives. They laid everything down for Him, to give Him the highest place in their hearts and lives.

There are so many children coming into this world with no place, no safe place whatsoever. The whole thought of it bothers me, deeply. With that thought I am pleased and humbled to report that we are moving forward with plans to build a children's home in Cuernavaca. We have the key piece. My brother-in-law Pastor Chayo and sister-in-law Betty (Minnie's sister) are ready to lay down themselves in order to serve these children. To parent them, to love them and guide them. They are used to giving their place, they gave up their room to me the first night we met, when Minnie and I were courting some 15 years ago now. I was in their bedroom and all the family was in the other bedroom. Minnie, Chayo and Betty, their (at the time) 3 little girls all trying to be quiet so I could get to sleep. They made quite a first impression on me and my opinion of them has only grown since. They have given all they can for a down payment and have entered into a contract to purchase land for a children's home. They are the priceless key piece for a successful children's home. Godly, loving, obedient parents. The rest will only cost money.

As the president of our ministry, I feel that at least we can try to help provide monetary means and support any way we can for this great leap of faith in order to care for children who need to be saved from grave situations. The FMLI board agrees. There are so many children that have no place to be, and worse than that, where they are is unloving, dangerous and abusive in every way. So many young lives are being destroyed by the very people that should be loving them the most. There are still others whose parents cannot afford them or have been killed... kids need a place. We all do. To me, there is urgency to provide a place for these children that I believe God has picked out for us to care for. The faster we get their home built, the quicker we can get them out of the dangers they are facing. Our goal to begin is to raise \$40,000 in order to meet the contract's demand to pay off the land (approx. \$27,000 owed) within the 6 months we have left to pay it and then have monies to begin the foundation construction immediately.

Our plan is to build a facility for up to 25 children. We are asking you to pray for these children. Pray for their safety now, pray that God would protect them and that they would come to know and love our Lord Jesus Christ. We also ask that you would consider giving a one-time gift toward purchase of this land and the beginning of this next great leap of faith. Our goal is that the Christmas of 2020 will be filled with joy in the new Children's home in Cuernavaca. I will keep you posted month to month as to how we are coming with our goals. First we must attain the land. Should God lead you to give to this effort, please be sure to write me a note or put on the check that the monies are for the children's home. Thank you all so much for your prayers and for this consideration. Let's build it!

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Praise reports

Prayer requests/ upcoming events:

Our first mission this month went well. We visited 5 churches in a few days, encouraging one church that recently lost their pastor to a car accident. All the brethren received us with open hearts and arms, but it was these 3 brothers in Christ that struck my heart the most. They are the whole congregation. One is blind, none can read and so no one preaches. They gather at the church every day to sing and pray together. The man standing to my right stood up and openly wept as he thanked us for coming to see them. “No one comes to visit us.” he cried. I’m so glad we did. Thank you for making ministry possible. It was the first time we visited this region, a pastor friend of mine asked if we would accompany them. Plans are under way to return this summer to do VBS in these communities.

By the time you get this we’ll have been back to San Luis again to another region where our friends Pastor Cesar and his wife Hilda are laboring. Some of you may remember Juanita’s story or the 9-wheelbarrow line from past missions there. This time we are preaching and building a second room on the parsonage. (more next month)

Brother Rod is down again to visit again and we faithfully put him to work! He’s a glutton for punishment. We never run out of projects for him. This time we remodeled our storage area, nearly doubling our useable space. We needed it! We’ll be taking some supplies and blankets to give away to Pastor Cesar and his congregation and we’ll be bringing a whole vanload of things down to Chayo and Betty at the end of the year.

As I just mentioned, we are also preparing for a return to Cuernavaca at the end of the year and beginning of the New Year will be spent with them as well. The teen camp in Guerrero was cancelled this time, they couldn’t get the camp logistics settled so we’ll plan to visit them later in 2019.

And as you know, Christmas time is busy at Los Canelos and we continue our ministry to our local missions in Hormiguero and Berlanga Garcia as well... This month’s visit to local missions was very powerful. In Berlanga Garcia, I saw the people receive the Word in a way that I haven’t seen before there. I preached on the fires in California and the difficult subject of Hell and our only way of escape through Jesus Christ. Many recognized their need for the Greatest Firefighter. In Hormiguero, the street was full. Normally they leave room for cars to pass, not this time. I was surrounded. Many come for the food bags, but others come for the Bread of life. I had many come to me after service requesting prayer.

I have a very full preaching schedule in these coming weeks. This mission will be 3 messages, then Dec 17, 18, 21, 23, 24th, then to Cuernavaca to preach more... please pray for these messages and missions as well as our strength to serve.

P.S. Sophia really enjoyed her first donkey ride!



Merry Christmas!

love from,

*Gary and Minnie and Sophia too,
along with all your family in Mexico.*

Truly, the best is yet to come.

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